



27 August 2019

IPHC CIRCULAR 2019-017

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM095)

Dear Commissioners,

In accordance with Rules 6.5 and 8.1 of the International Pacific Halibut Commission's (IPHC) Rules of Procedure (2019), I am pleased to invite you to attend the 95th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM095), which will be held 25-26 November 2019 at the Grand Hyatt Seattle in Seattle, WA, USA.

The provisional agenda and schedule and list of documents are attached for your information. If you wish for any additional items to be incorporated, please provide them no later than 45 days prior to the Session (11 October 2019) in accordance with Rule 8.2 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019).

Other information concerning the meeting, including electronic versions of documents to be considered, will be published on the IPHC website as they become available, but no later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the Session (26 October 2019), in accordance with Rule 8.4 of the IPHC Rules of Procedure (2019).

IM095 meeting page: <https://www.iphc.int/venues/details/95th-session-of-the-iphc-interim-meeting-im095>

Yours sincerely

David T. Wilson, Ph.D.

Executive Director, IPHC

Attachments:

Attachment I: Provisional: Agenda and schedule for the 95th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM095)

Attachment II: Provisional: List of documents for the 95th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM095)



**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA & SCHEDULE FOR THE 95th SESSION
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM095)**

Date: 25-26 November 2019
Location: Seattle, Washington, USA
Venue: Grand Hyatt Seattle
Time: 09:00-17:00 daily
Chairperson: Mr Chris Oliver (USA)
Vice-Chairperson: Mr Paul Ryall (Canada)

Notes:

- *All sessions are open to Observers and the general public*
- *All sessions will be webcast. Webcast sessions will also take audience comments and questions as directed by the Chairperson of the Commission.*

**PROVISIONAL: AGENDA FOR THE 95th SESSION
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM095)**

- 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION** (Chairperson)
- 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SESSION**
(Chairperson)
- 3. UPDATE ON ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE 95th ANNUAL MEETING** (D. Wilson)
- 4. REPORT OF THE IPHC SECRETARIAT (2019): Draft** (D. Wilson)
- 5. FISHERY STATISTICS (2019)** (L. Erikson)
- 6. STOCK STATUS OF PACIFIC HALIBUT (2019) AND HARVEST DECISION TABLE**
 - 6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2019 (L. Erikson)
 - 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; FISS expansion results, etc.) (R. Webster)
 - 6.3 Data overview and preliminary stock assessment (2019), and draft harvest decision table (2019) (I. Stewart & D. Wilson)
 - 6.4 Independent peer review of the IPHC stock assessment (K. Stokes)
- 7. IPHC SCIENCE AND RESEARCH**
 - 7.1 Report of the 20th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB020) (D. Wilson)
 - 7.2 Report of the 14th and 15th Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB014 and SRB015) (SRB Chairperson)

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- 7.3 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)

8. MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION

- 8.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update (A. Hicks & P. Carpi)
8.2 Report of the 13th and 14th Sessions of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB013 and MSAB014) (MASB Co-Chairpersons)

9. CONTRACTING PARTY UPDATES (BY AGENCY)

- 9.1 Canada
9.1.1 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
9.2 United States of America
9.2.1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Fisheries
a) National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA-Fisheries)
b) North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)
c) Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)

10. REGULATORY PROPOSALS FOR THE 2019-20 PROCESS

- 10.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals (S. Keith)
10.2 Contracting Party (agency) regulatory proposals (Agency staff)
10.3 Stakeholder regulatory proposals (S. Keith)
10.4 Stakeholder statements (S. Keith)

11. IPHC PERFORMANCE REVIEW

- 11.1 Report of the 2nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02) (Terje Løbach)

12. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 12.1 Financial Statement for FY2019 (M. Larsen)
12.2 Budget estimates for FY2020 and FY2021 for approval, and tentatively for FY2022 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)
12.3 Independent auditor's report: 2018 (M. Larsen)
12.4 IPHC Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements (D. Wilson)

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 Preparation for 96th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2020) (S. Keith)
13.2 IPHC meetings calendar (2020-22) (S. Keith)

14. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM095) (Chairperson & Executive Director)

**PROVISIONAL: SCHEDULE FOR THE 95th SESSION
OF THE IPHC INTERIM MEETING (IM095)**

Monday, 25 November 2019		
Time	Agenda item	Lead
09:00-09:10	1. Opening of the Session	Chairperson
09:10-09:20	2. Adoption of the agenda and arrangements for the Session	Chairperson
09:20-09:30	3. Update on actions arising from the 95 th Annual Meeting (AM095)	D. Wilson
09:30-10:00	4. Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2019): Draft	D. Wilson
10:00-10:30	5. Fishery statistics (2019)	L. Erikson
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	6. Stock status of Pacific halibut (2019) and harvest decision table	L. Erikson
	6.1 Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2019 6.2 Space-time modelling of survey data (WPUE; FISS expansion results; etc.)	R. Webster
11:15-12:30	6.3 Data overview and preliminary stock assessment (2019), and draft harvest decision table (2019)	I. Stewart & D. Wilson
	6.4 Independent peer review of the IPHC stock assessment <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Items 5-6)</i>	K. Stokes
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30	7. IPHC science and research	D. Wilson
	7.1 Report of the 20 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (RAB020)	SRB Chairperson
	7.2 Reports of the 14 th and 15 th Sessions of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB014 and SRB015)	J. Planas
	7.3 IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 7)</i>	
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-17:00	8. Management strategy evaluation	A. Hicks & P. Carpi
	8.1 IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation: update 8.2 Reports of the 13 th and 14 th Sessions of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB013 and MSAB014) <i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 8)</i>	MSAB Co-Chairpersons

Tuesday, 26 November 2019		
09:00-10:00	9. Contracting Party (Agency) updates 9.1 Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) 9.2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) • North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) • Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) 	TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD
	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 9)</i>	
10:00-10:45	10. Regulatory proposals for the 2019-20 process 10.1 IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals 10.2 Contracting Party (Agency) regulatory proposals 10.3 Stakeholder regulatory proposals 10.4 Stakeholder statements	S. Keith Agency staff S. Keith S. Keith
	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda Item 10)</i>	
10:30-10:45	Break	
11:00-12:30	11. Performance review 11.1 Report of the 2 nd IPHC Performance Review (PRIPHC02)	T. Løbach
	<i>Public comment and questions (Agenda item 11)</i>	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:30	12. Finance and administration 12.1 Financial Statement for FY2019 12.2 Budget estimates for FY2020 and 2021 for approval, and tentatively for FY2022 12.3 Independent auditor's report: 2018 12.4 IPHC Memorandums of Understandings and Agreements	M. Larsen M. Larsen & D. Wilson M. Larsen D. Wilson
15:30-15:45	Break	
15:45-16:00	13. Other business 13.1 Preparation for 96 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2020) 13.2 IPHC meetings calendar (2010-22)	S. Keith S. Keith
16:00-17:00	14. Review of the draft and adoption of the Report of the 95 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM095)	Chairperson & D. Wilson



**PROVISIONAL: LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 95th SESSION OF THE IPHC
INTERIM MEETING (IM095)**

Last updated: 27 August 2019

Document	Title	Availability
IPHC-2019-IM095-01	Provisional: Agenda & Schedule for the 95 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM095)	✓ 27 August 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-02	Provisional: List of Documents for the 95 th Session of the IPHC Interim Meeting (IM095)	✓ 27 August 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-03	Update on actions arising from the 95 th Annual Meeting (AM095) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-04	Report of the IPHC Secretariat (2019): Draft (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-05	Fishery statistics (2019): Draft (L. Erikson)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-06	Fishery Independent Setline Survey (FISS) design and implementation in 2019 (L. Erikson)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-07	Space-time modelling of IPHC fishery-independent setline survey data (R. Webster)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-08	Summary of the data, stock assessment, and harvest decision table for Pacific halibut (<i>Hippoglossus stenolepis</i>) at the end of 2019 (I. Stewart, A. Hicks, R. Webster & D. Wilson)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-09	Stock Assessment: Independent peer review of the Pacific halibut stock assessment	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-10	IPHC 5-year Biological and Ecosystem Science research program: update (J. Planas)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-11	IPHC Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): update (A. Hicks & P. Carpi)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-12	Financial Statement for FY2019 (M. Larsen)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-13	Budget estimates for FY2020 and FY2021 (for approval) and tentatively for 2022 (M. Larsen & D. Wilson)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-14	Independent auditor's report: 2018 (M. Larsen)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-15	Preparation for the 96 th Session of the IPHC Annual Meeting (2020) (S. Keith)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-16	Draft: IPHC meetings calendar (2020-22) (S. Keith)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
Contracting Party (Agency) updates		
IPHC-2019-IM095-AR01	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	Due: 26 Oct 2019

IPHC-2019-IM095-AR02	NOAA – National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-AR03	North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-AR04	Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
Regulatory proposals for 2020		
IPHC Secretariat regulatory proposals for 2020		
IPHC-2019-IM095-PropA1	Fishery Limits (Sect. 4) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-PropA2	Fishing Periods (Sect. 9) (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
IPHC-2019-IM095-PropA3	IPHC Fishery Regulations: minor amendments (IPHC Secretariat)	Due: 26 Oct 2019
Contracting Party (Agency) regulatory proposals for 2020		
IPHC-2019-IM095-PropB1	Nil to date	Due: 26 Oct 2019
Other Stakeholder regulatory proposals for 2020		
IPHC-2019-IM095-PropC1	Nil to date	Due: 28 Oct 2019
Reports from IPHC subsidiary bodies		
IPHC-2019-RAB020-R	Report of the 20 th Session of the IPHC Research Advisory Board (SRB020)	
IPHC-2019-SRB014-R	Report of the 14 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB014)	
IPHC-2019-SRB015-R	Report of the 15 th Session of the IPHC Scientific Review Board (SRB015)	
IPHC-2019-MSAB013-R	Report of the 13 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB013)	
IPHC-2019-MSAB014-R	Report of the 14 th Session of the IPHC Management Strategy Advisory Board (MSAB014)	
IPHC-2019-PAB024-R	Report of the 24 th Session of the IPHC Processor Advisory Board (PAB024)	
IPHC-2019-CB089-R	Report of the 89 th Session of the IPHC Conference Board (CB89)	
Report of the 2nd IPHC Performance Review		
IPHC-2019-PRIPHC02-R	Report of the 2 nd Performance Review of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (PRIPHC02)	
Information papers		
IPHC-2019-IM095-INF01	TBD	